worth doing. It may never be in our power to save anybody's life, make for anybody a fortune, shed luster upon the family name, die for our country, or set the smallest river on fire in any way whatever. But if we conscientiously and sweetly give ourselves to the practicing of small courtesies, only the recording angel can ever set down the good we shall do in our day and generation to hundreds and thousands of our fellow creatures in the course of a lifetime.

Most people despise them as not worth doing. Few people perform them with any degree of consistency or loving-kindness. Fewer still are content to do them in the best way, unnoticed, unremembered, really feeling it to be emphatically a virtue which is its own reward. Yet it is a wonder that preachers do not urge it upon their congregations from a thousand pulpits—on off Sundays, say, when they are pitching into the Pope, if they be Protestants, or into the Protestants, if they be Roman Catholics, and have time for the marrow of all creeds, and can be content to let the bones take care of themselves.—*Frances Courtenay Baylor.*

CIRCULATION OF THE BIBLE

The Word of God has had an immense circulation. It has been estimated that from the year 1804 to 1896 more than 256,000,000 copies of the Bible were issued. H. L. Hastings, of Boston, says that in 1880 the statistics of eighty different Bible societies, with their numerous agencies and auxiliaries, reported 206 translations of God's Word since 1804. In this pamphlet entitled "Is the Bible a True Book?" Mr. Hastings presents some interesting remarks concerning the Revised New Testament, the following being an extract:

"This book was the re-issue of a book which skeptics have long claimed was out of date, gone by, exploded, demolished, dead, and of no particular use or value. Nevertheless the book has had a considerable circulation. It was issued in London May 20, 1881, and it is said that as early as April the publishers had orders for a million copies in advance of publication. Surely that must be a remarkable book. No other book was ever written or printed of which a million copies were ordered in advance of its issue. . . . A single publishing house in New York sold 365,000 copies of the English edition before the end of the year 1881. Fifty American editions were issued from the press, one of them having a sale of 65, 000, others being scattered through the length and breadth of the land."

Such facts as these show that multitudes are interested in the Word of God and that infidels have not met with success in their endeavors to destroy the influence of the old Book. And as the years go on, we can depend that its influence will be more wide spread than ever before, and that the time will come when every race will have the Holy Scriptures and the knowledge of the true God will extend from pole to pole.

The eminent George Muller has stated in a letter that he has circulated a large number of copies of God's Word. He says in this letter, which was written to a meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Birmingham, some weeks ago, that God "has condescended to enable me to circulate, in all parts of the earth, and in various languages, 284,652 Bibles, 1,458,662 New Testaments, 21,-350 copies of the Book of Psalms, and 223,500 other portions of the Holy Scriptures; and God has been pleased thus, simply through the reading of the Holy Scriptures, to bring thousands of persons to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus An especial blessing in this way has been granted in Spain, France, Ireland, and in the spiritually dark villages of our own country, through Bible-carriages, which I supplied with Testaments at half-price, and with Bibles at three-quarters of the cost prices."—*Religious Telescope.*

Our Young People

IF I HAD THE POWER

C. F. YODER.

If I had the power, the heavenly power
To free this world from sin,
I would banish the curse from suffering earth
And bring the kingdom in.

If I had the power, the healing power
To free from the fruits of wrong,
I would end the reign of human pain,
And make men glad and strong.

If I had the power, the persuasive power
To move the hearts of men,
I would tell of the love of the Father above
Till all should return to Him.

If I had the power, the angelic power
To sing the heavenly songs,
I would fill all the days with psalms of praise
To him to whom praise belongs

And yet if man's course were altered by force,
The world would be robbed of its heart,
And none could rejoice in the power of choice
Nor do a willing part

But better than power over sin and pain
And better than sermon or song,
God gives me the power from hour unto hour
To keep my heart from wrong.

Then, Lord, let me live, if thou canst forgive
My past of selfish strife;
That I may yet see men glorify thee
Thro the power of a Christly life.

For the world with its din of sorrow and sin
Is touched by the life of love,
And turns from its sin to follow with him
Who leads to the heaven above.

Oh, Lord, let me live, in the world let me live
Till men from their own glad choice
Shall willingly prove the power of love
And praise thee with one voice.

"FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH"—WHAT SHALL WE DO? Ex. 35: 20-29; Luke 14: 33

Topic: Jan. 30, (Christian Endeavor Day.)

The young people's movement and the organization of the Brethren church began at about the same time. The origin of both can be traced to the principle that "supply follows demand," and both are fulfilling their mission in propagating "pure and undefiled religion" among men.

The Christian Endeavor movement founded by F. E. Clark has spread with wonderful rapidity until this 16th anniversary day finds Endeavorers in almost every place that there are Christians, there being altogether over three millions of members representing forty-two denominations besides the hosts of Juniors.

A number of denominations have branched off and organized societies of their own, but the same line of work runs thro all and most even of these use, as do also our K. C. societies, the C. E. topics; thus gaining the advantages of uniformity such as we enjoy in using the international S. S. lessons.

We may judge something as to the mission of the movement from the work into which God has led it during the past few years. While this is strictly speaking, Christian Endeavor rally day, yet, since we as King's Children, are a part of the general movement, there is no reason why we should not enter into its enthusiasm and rally with the rest to the work in which it is our privilege to share.

Perhaps the meeting may be made most profitable by reviewing the four distinct forward movements of the society and their scriptural foundations.

1. *Fidelity and Fellowship.*—This was the first plea. It was and is still urged that loyalty to principle (expressed in the C. E. pledge by the clause "I promise to support my own church in every way,") need not preclude fellowship with fellow Christians.

On the importance of loyalty to sound doctrine, see Rom. 6: 17; Eph. 4: 14; II John 9; Matt. 5: 18; Titus 2: 7.

On fellowship, see Luke 9: 54-56; John 10: 16; II Cor. 3: 6; I Cor. 3: 10-15; Rom. 14: 13-15; Eph. 4: 13-15.

2. *Good Citizenship.*—Next this slogan was sounded and with Robert Ross as its first martyr the reform has gone marching on from victory to victory. The young people are being educated in the duties of Christian citizenship and by and by, please God, such a thing as Tammany in politics shall be impossible.

On the duties of a Christian citizen, see Rom. 13: 1 8; II Peter 2: 13-17. Read Matt. 5: 14-16, remembering that salt to be of any value must be rubbed into something to keep it from decay.

Read Rev. 21: 2, 3 and 22: 14 and reflect upon the thought that if our destiny is in a city there is need of preparation for the duties of citizenship here.

3. *Missionary Extension.*—This movement expressed itself in a bureau thro which missionary lecturers were sent out everywhere, in tithe giving and various methods of supporting missionary boards and in the consecration of many young people to the work of spreading the gospel.

On the duty of missionary work, see Matt. 28: 19; John 10: 16; Rom. 1: 14; Acts 1: 8; Rom. 10: 11-18; Rev. 7: 9, etc.

4. *A Deeper Consecration* —During the last two years especially this fruit has appeared. While young peoples' societies have at times no doubt brought reproach upon the cause through excess of socials and the like yet the same thing can be said of churches and individual Christians. It is certainly true that the great army of young people have come to know the possibilities of Christian life far better thro the society than they would have done thro tne teaching or example of their elders. The "comrades of the quiet hour," who spend an hour each morning in devotion, have grown to be a great host while the "tenth legion" composed of those who are giving at least a tenth of their income to the Lord, now numbers in the thousands.

For the scriptures on this line, see Heb. 6: 1;